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SUBJECT: GOM MISSION TO PEKING

1. ACCORDING TO HANG TUAH BIN ARSHAD, OFFICIAL OF STATE CORPORATION INVOLVED IN CHINA TRADE (PERNAS), FOUR-MAN MISSION DEPARTED FOR PEKING SEP 26 FOR "TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS" ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. DELEGATION INCLUDED ONE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, TWO FROM HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY, AND ANOTHER WHOM HE DID NOT KNOW. HANG TUAH INDICATED "TECHNICAL MATTERS" MAY INCLUDE EMBASSY SITES, PRIVILEGES, ETC.

2. O/A OCT 12, MALAYSIAN DELEGATION, INCLUDING FIVE OR SIX PERNAS OFFICIALS AND ABOUT 120 MERCHANTS, WILL DEPART FOR FALL SESSION OF CANTON TRADE FAIR. HANG TUAH SAID HE WILL BE MEMBER DELEGATION AND WILL PROBABLY VISIT PEKING AT SOME POINT TO HOLD
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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN LINE WITH OTHER

INFO AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, HANG TUAH SAID AGREEMENT ON RELATIONS WOULD BE TIMED FOR EARLY 1974 TO HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT ON GENERAL ELECTIONS HERE. EXCHANGE OF MISSIONS WOULD COME LATER BUT MALAYSIAN PREPARATORY TEAM, POSSIBLY INCLUDING HANG TUAH, MAY SET UP SHOP IN PEKING IN JAN OR FEB.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION TO PEKING INDICATES GOM DESIRE KEEP POT BOILING ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, THOUGH APPARENTLY THERE STILL MANY POINTS TO BE WORKED OUT AND TIMING MAY SLIP EITHER BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN NEGOTIATIONS OR DELAY IN ELECTIONS. ALTHOUGH HE ON FRINGES OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, HANG TUAH HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN PAST AND HE MAY PROVE USEFUL CONTACT FOR USLO. LYDMAN

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